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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Adoption of Performance Standards for the Reception of Maritime Safety Information and Search and Rescue related Information by MF (NAVTEX) and HF

To : Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Ship Masters, Classification Societies and Shipbuilders

Summary

This Note promulgates IMO Resolution MSC.508(105) on performance standards for the reception of maritime safety information and search and rescue related information by MF (NAVTEX) and HF.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), at its 105th session on 28 April 2022, adopted the Resolution MSC.508(105) on revised performance standards for the reception of maritime safety information and search and rescue related information by MF (NAVTEX) and HF. In addition to meeting the requirements of SOLAS regulation IV/7.1.4, the NAVTEX receiver should comply with Recommendation ITU-R M.540 and the receiver for HF-MSI should comply with Recommendation ITU-R M.688. The equipment should also comply with the requirements set out in resolutions A.694(17), MSC.191(79), as amended and the latest requirements in Resolution MSC.508(105).
2. The Resolution MSC.508(105) can be found on the website of Marine Department (<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as attachment to this Note.
3. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, ship masters, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are advised to ensure that NAVTEX receiver equipment:
 - (a) if installed on or after 1 January 2024, conforms to performance standards not inferior to those specified in the annex to Resolution MSC.508(105);

- (b) if installed on or after 1 July 2019, but before 1 January 2024, conforms to performance standards not inferior to those specified in the annex to resolution MSC.148(77), as amended by resolution MSC.430(98);
- (c) if installed on or after 1 July 2005, but before 1 July 2019, conforms to performance standards not inferior to those specified in the annex to resolution MSC.148(77); and
- (d) if installed before 1 July 2005, conforms to performance standards not inferior to those specified in the annex to resolution A.525(13).

4. The shipping industry of Hong Kong registered ships are also advised that equipment for the reception of NBDP broadcasts of navigational and meteorological warnings and urgent information to ships by HF shall:

- (a) if installed on or after 1 January 2024, conforms to performance standards not inferior to those specified in the annex to Resolution MSC.508(105); and
- (b) if installed before 1 January 2024, conforms to performance standards not inferior to those specified in the annex to resolution A.700(17).

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